Husband: **THOMAS SHEPHERD**[1]

Born:	1678	Ireland
Married:	c1705	
Died:	17 May 1751	Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ
Buried:	*Fair View Cemetery*, Middletown	

Father: THOMAS SHEPHERD (ca 1646 – 1720)
Mother: ANN WANSBROUGH (ca 1650 – *1728*)

Wife: **DEBORAH GROVER**

Born:	about 1691	
Died:	October 1768	Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ.
Buried:	*Fair View Cemetery*, Middletown	

Father: JOSEPH GROVER (ca 1652 – *1689*)
Mother: HANNAH LAWRENCE (ca 1660 - ?)

Issue:

1) SARAH SHEPHERD	2 May 1709	Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ
2) JOSEPH SHEPHERD	ca 1710	
3) EBENEZER SHEPHERD		
4) JOHN SHEPHERD	**1714**	**MONMOUTH COUNTY, NJ**
5) REBECCA SHEPHERD	1716	Monmouth County, NJ.
6) DEBORAH SHEPHERD	29 April 1719	Monmouth County, NJ
7) THOMAS SHEPHERD	about 1723	Monmouth County, NJ
8) HANNAH SHEPHERD		
9) MARY SHEPHERD		

THOMAS and DEBORAH lived in Middletown where he was a *cooper*. As such, he made a variety of items with wooden staves held together by wooden or metal hoops. The staves were heated or steamed to make them pliable. Barrels, casks, tubs, troughs and vats were in high demand as were rakes and wooden shovels which were usually by an apprentice or journeyman.

PROPERTY

On 15 September 1708 JAMES, *son and heir of JOSEPH GROVER*, sold two parcels his sister DEBORAH and her husband THOMAS SHEPHERD. The first tract was, they said, *Grover's Inheritance.* THOMAS and DEBORAH paid £180 for a triangular parcel that ran along Ramanesse Brook (Hopp River) which was *valued to contain with ye swamp and bogish meadows* 200-acres. The triangular tract was *Grover's Addition* not *Grover's Inheritance*. The second parcel was 4 acres of meadow from his *upper piece of the meadow lying by the Swimming River*. Also on this date they sold to her uncle WILLIAM LAWRENCE the 30-acre tract on Hopp/Mill River DEBORAH received in her grandfather's Will for £65. And on the same date THOMAS and DEBORAH sold to her brother JAMES GROVER the property and shares inherited from their parents for £165. This

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was stated to be a one-sixth part of the following tracts: 480 acres at Crosswicks, 100 acres on Machiponicks River, 150 acres at Rack Pond, 60 acres at Barnegat, 150 acres at Crosswicks bought by their mother, and the one-sixth share of any property that will come to his sister by virtue of owning a share in a Propriety.[2] Despite that being the description as found in the deed, it is not correct. The 480 acre and 150 acre tracts in Crosswicks were held separate from the general one-sixth share clause and the 60 acres in Barnegat was left in whole to his sister HANNAH. DEBORAH and her sisters challenged, and won, a suit brought against them by their brother JAMES for ownership of these three tracts. On 9 June 1713 THOMAS bought a triangular tract of land, acreage not stated, from JOHN JOHNSTONE that was north of one of the two tracts in Middletown they had purchased in 1708. It was on *Bordon's Brook* and had cost THOMAS £28. Another tract in Middletown was purchased from THOMAS LEEDS of Springfield Township in Burlington County for *Fifty Pounds Current Silver money at Eight Shillings p. ounce*. This rectangular tract contained 17.6 acres (8 x 22 chains) and lay east of a tract THOMAS owned by virtue of DEBORAH'S grandfather JAMES GROVER. It carries the usual 7 year defense of ownership clause with the caveat that LEEDS will only go as far as the town of Burlington to execute any documents requested.[3]

At some point between May 1751, when THOMAS SHEPHERD'S estate started functioning, and 25 February 1755, when the deed of sale was recorded, JOSEPH VANMATER of Middletown bought a salt meadow lot *on Shrewsbury River* from the *estate of THOMAS SHEPHERD*. JOSEPH VANMATER signed his Will on 25 September 1790 in which he left this salt meadow lot to his son CRINEYONCE VANMATER.[4] Eight years later a Conveyance of land in Nut Swamp, Middletown was recorded on 25 December 1758 from DEBORAH SHEPHERD to her nephew SILVANUS GROVER, son of her brother JAMES.[5]

BEING A FRIEND AND CIVIC DUTIES

The Will of DANIEL APPLEGATE, SENIOR of Middletown was proven by declaration from THOMAS SHEPHERD, THOMAS APPLEGATE, and JOHN NEWMAN before JEREMIAH BASSE, Esquire at Middletown on 7 September 1710.[6] BASSE, the former Governor of both East and West Jersey, held the post of Provincial Secretary at this time.

The merchant JOHN BOWNE II had a store in Middletown from which he also ran his financial business which made mortgages and bonds. He died there circa 1715 and his estate was proved 11 April 1716. The 1716 estate inventory names 572 people who had open accounts from bonds, mortgages, and store debt. A THOMAS SHEPHERD was indebted to him for more than £54 on a bond and £3 on book debt; it is not certain if this person is the subject herein.[7]

THOMAS served as constable of Middletown in 1720.[8]

LEGACY

THOMAS *SHEPHARD* of *Middleton* signed his Will on 17 May 1751 which was proved just three days later. His wife and children are mentioned by name and the estate, valued at £665 1*s* 4*p* included *two looking glasses; silver spoons; a Bible; an old negro man, £25; an old negro wench, £10; a young negro, £50;* and *a negro girl, £25.* He is interred at *Fair View*, or *Fairview*, *Cemetery* in Middletown but it is not certain if this was his original burial site or if he was moved here when there was a consolidation of some small cemeteries in Middletown.

DEBORAH, of Middletown, signed her Will on 19 December 1759 and it was proved 12 November 1768.[9] She named as her executors her son THOMAS and her *friend* JAMES GROVER, son of JAMES. JAMES GROVER was a common name and, if this were her nephew JAMES, he

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probably would have been named as such. Whoever he was, he renounced the position on 4 January 1769. DEBORAH'S bequests are (1) to the heirs (there were 7 at least) of my eldest son JOSEPH SHEPHERD, deceased, 10 shillings; (2) to my son THOMAS SHEPHERD, all my lands, *he paying the legacies*; (3) to THOMAS SHEPHERD, son of my son EBENEZER, deceased, £200 when he is 21; (4) to SARAH SHEPHERD, sister of my said grandson THOMAS SHEPHERD, £100 when 18, or at marriage; and (5) Daughters SARAH STILLWELL, REBECCA COX, DEBORAH BURROWS, HANNAH STELLE, and MARY JONSTONE, my moveable estate. The Will was witnessed by CYRENIUS VANMATER, JOSIAH HOLMES, and CHRINEYONCE VAN MATER. Of her 9 children, only her son JOHN SHEPHERD, who was very much alive at the time of his mother's death, is not mentioned in this instrument.

Issue:

There were no men with the SHEPHERD surname, but five men with very similar surnames, in the New Jersey Militia from Freehold Township in 1793: JOHN and ELISHA *SHEPARD* from District 2, THOMAS *SHEPARD* from District 4 and JAMES and JOSEPH *SHEPPARD* from District 6. It is unlikely that any were sons, as the youngest, THOMAS, was about seventy years old at the time; it has yet to be determined if any of these were grandsons of THOMAS and DEBORAH SHEPHERD.[10]

Regarding cemeteries, several of the internments listed were in the *STILLWELL Burying Ground* or other STILLWELL family burying sites in the area. All were disinterred prior to 1855 and reburied in a section of *Fair View Cemetery* in Middletown.

1) SARAH SHEPHERD: born 2 May 1709 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; married JOSEPH STILLWELL 28 December 1728 in NJ. He was born 28 June 1705 on Staten Island, Richmond County, NY. Both died in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; JOSEPH on 12 November 1760 and SARAH on 28 February 1771. Both interred in *Middletown Baptist Churchyard*, Middletown. Sven known children; some claim as many as 13 children:
   A) DEBORAH STILLWELL: born 22 July 1730; married 8 May 1747 GABRIEL WINTER, son of ELISHA (see end of section).
   B) REBECKAH STILLWELL: born 10 March 1731; married THOMAS LAYTON in Monmouth County, NJ on 15 April 1758. Moved to Fayette County, PA by 1790. She died there in 1791; burial unknown.
   C) CATHERINE STILLWELL: born 15 February 1732; died 18 May 1739 at Middletown.
   D) SARAH STILLWELL: born 23 February 1735 on Staten Island, Richmond County, NY; married MATTHEW *LOOFBOURROW*. MATTHEW died 14 June 1774 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ. It was believed that SARAH then married JAMES GROVER before 1778 but recent research has proven that false. SARAH may have remarried though; a SARAH COWENHOVEN attempted to sell property belonging to the heirs of MATTHEW LUFBURROW before 1791 in NJ. The faulty sale was eventually discovered and nullified with the help of JAMES GROVER. Since the only person named SARAH that could possibly have the right to sell MATTHEW'S land, other than his children, would be his widow SARAH. Research has failed to uncover any evidence of such a marriage though.
   E) JOHN STILLWELL: born 26 December 1738, Middletown, Monmouth County; married ELIZABETH WATSON (born 1 February 1744), 4 September 1764, Middletown, Monmouth

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County. JOHN died 26 September 1813 and ELIZABETH on 22 September 1826; both interred at *Middletown Baptist Churchyard*, Middletown.

i) MARY STILLWELL: born 3 June 1769; married RICHARD APPLEGATE (born 10 October 1762). They had five children. MARY died on 5 February 1804 after giving birth to her son SAMUEL on 2 February. MARY is buried in the *Middletown Baptist Churchyard*. RICHARD died 7 May 1821 and is buried in the same cemetery.

ii) MARTHA STILLWELL: born 4 October 1778; seems to have not married; died 7 March 1853; buried *Middletown Baptist Churchyard*.

iii) SAMUEL A. STILWELL: born 1787; married ELIZABETH FREEMAN (born 1793). He died 21 October 1855 in Philadelphia and she died there on 4 March 1867; both buried in *CEDAR HILL CEMETERY* there.

F) ANN STILLWELL: born 14 May 1743 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; married REVEREND DAVID JONES 22 February 1762 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ. He was born 12 May 1736 in White Clay Creek, New Castle County, DE. They moved to East Town Township, Chester County, PA where ANN died on 16 May 1809 and DAVID died 5 February 1820. Interred in *Great Valley Baptist Church Cemetery*, Devon, Chester County. Eight known children:

i) ELEANOR JONES: born 4 December 1762 in Freehold, Monmouth County, NJ; married JOHN GARRETT III 21 November 1793. JOHN was born 3 January 1760 in Delaware, the son of JOHN GARRETT II and ELIZABETH YEATMAN. He died 17 January 1806 probably in Ohio. ELEANOR then married WILLIAM MCMILLAN 16 February 1816 in Garrettsville, Portage County, OH. ELEANOR died there on 16 March 1849. Interred in *Baptist Cemetery* in Garrettsville. Five known children.

ii) MARY JONES: born 30 July 1764; died 27 April 1765; buried *Yellow Meeting House Cemetery*.

iii) JOSEPH JONES: born 6 March 1766; died 9 March 1766; buried *Yellow Meeting House Cemetery*.

iv) MARY JONES: born 21 February 1767 in Freehold; married 1797 ARCHIBALD MCCLEAN. Three children. MARY died 20 July 1804 in Alexandria City, Virginia; buried *Great Valley Baptist Church Cemetery*, Devon, Chester County, PA. ARCHIBALD died 6 September 1845 in Moundsville, Marshall County, WV and is buried there in the *First Street Cemetery*.

v) JOSEPH JONES: born 4 May 1769 and died 2 April 1773 in Freehold; buried *Yellow Meeting House Cemetery*.

vi) MORGAN JONES: born 5 June 1771 in Freehold; married SARAH GRIFFITH in 1798; five children. SARAH died 12 April 1812 in Grave Creek, Marshall County, WV and was buried in the *First Street Cemetery.* MORGAN then married NANCY MCKNIGHT in 1812 and had one child. MORGAN died 25 December 1840 in Grave Creek; interred *First Street Cemetery.* NANCY died in 1860 in Marshall County and is buried in the *Mount Rose Cemetery* in Moundsville.

vii) DAVID JONES: born 21 October 1774 in Freehold; never married; died in Chester County, PA on 1 July 1811. Buried *Great Valley Baptist Church Cemetery*, Devon, Chester County.

viii) HORATIO GATES JONES: born 11 February 1711 in Easttown Township, Chester County, PA. Reverend. In 1801 he married ESTHER RIGHTER and had four children before she died 29 December 1808 in Roxborough, Philadelphia County, PA. Interred

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there in *Leverington Cemetery*. HORATIO married DEBORAH LEVERING on 9 April 1811. Two children. DEBORAH died 9 September 1823 in Manayunk, Philadelphia County, PA; buried *Leverington Cemetery* in Roxborough. HORATIO died 12 December 1853 in Roxborough and buried there in *Leverington Cemetery*.

G) JOSEPH STILLWELL: born 3 May 1752, Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; Revolutionary War veteran; married SARAH WINTER, ca 1782, Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ. Decided to move West after War ended in 1783. JOSEPH died 10 September 1822 in Arkansas Post, Arkansas County, Arkansas. Buried in Stillwell *Family Cemetery*, near Gillet, AK. There is an extensive biographical article about this family at the end of this section.

i) CLEMENTINA STILLWELL: born c1793. *She married RICHMOND PEELER. He was a property owner at Arkansas Post and was in the legal profession. Part of the time, he traveled around the district and held court to settle claims.*
He and CLEMENTINA were the parents of two sons. They were divorced before 1820, because of her involvement with WILLIAM RUSSELL, a land speculator for the state. RUSSELL had been closely associated with JOSEPH STILLWELL, II, father of CLEMENTINA and both had been included in the Spanish Land Grant No. 2399 with eight other men. As stated in the will of CLEMENTINA STILLWELL, RUSSELL was the father of her daughter, ANN CLEMENTINA Russell. He provided for his daughter's education and deeded her a large tract of land and a slave.
CLEMENTINA was later married to BENJAMIN HAINES on 8 September 1839. She died on 31 March 1848.
In the Will of CLEMENTINA STILLWELL, her daughter ANN is stated to be her daughter by WILLIAM RUSSELL, who was responsible for ANN'S support, including having bought a 4-poster bed for ANN, which, along with ANN, were to be delivered to WILLIAM upon CLEMENTINA'S death.[11]

2) JOSEPH SHEPHERD: married REBECCA (REBECKAH) LIPPIT 19 May 1733 in NJ. JOSEPH died 2 September 1753 in Nutswamp near Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ. His estate included *a looking glass, a servant man, 6 silver spoons* and *3 old books.*[12] REBECCA is believed to have died in Middletown as well. Seven known children:

A) CATHERINE SHEPHERD: born 11 August 1734 in Monmouth County, NJ; obtained a license to marry RICHARD CRAWFORD 17 September 1751 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ. RICHARD was born 27 January 1729 in Freehold, Monmouth County, NJ. RICHARD died 20 September 1798 and Katherine died 13 June 1807, both in Monmouth County; both interred at *Fair View Cemetery* in Middletown.

B) DEBORAH SHEPHERD: born 22 December 1735 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; married JOHN LEONARD (born about 1710), son of JOHN LEONARD and ELIZABETH (ALMY) MORRIS.

C) SARAH SHEPHERD: born 1 September 1737 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; died 14 January 1835 in Monmouth County, NJ.

D) MARY SHEPHERD: born 1 September 1737 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; married JAMES WINTER 21 October 1755 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ. JAMES was son of ANDREW and ALLES WINTER, grandson of WILLIAM and HANNAH (GROVER) WINTER and great-grandson of JAMES GROVER III and REBECCA CHEESEMAN. JAMES died on 1 March 1777 during as a Revolutionary War prisoner in a *Sugar House Prison*

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in Manhattan. As the name implies, these were sugar houses converted for use as prisons. The most infamous was the Livingston Sugar House Prison on Liberty Street; another was the Rhinelander Sugar House Prison was *between William and Rose Streets* as stated on an old postcard. During 1777 the bodies of prisoners who died were thrown in a ditch in Trinity Churchyard. MARY died 4 July 1824 in Middletown; buried *Fair View Cemetery*.

i) DEBORAH WINTER: born 28 February 1760, Middletown. Married TIMOTHY MOUNT, 1775, Middletown.

E) HANNAH SHEPHERD: born 11 September 1739 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; married COLONEL JOHANNES SMOCK on 19 March 1795 in Monmouth County, NJ. He was born 5 September 1727, and died 2 July 1811 in Holmdel, Monmouth County, NJ.

F) THOMAS SHEPHERD: born 22 June 1741 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ.

G) CAPTAIN MOSES SHEPHERD: born 25 October 1743 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ; married REBECCA STILLWELL (born about 1741 in NJ) 23 March 1767 in Monmouth County, NJ. Was 1 of 436 subscribers to a statement published in the *New Jersey Gazette* in spring 1780 creating the *Associators of Retaliation* that would retaliate to any damages inflicted upon patriots by exacting damages, in equal measure, from any known Tory, refugee or *Pines Robber*.[13] MOSES and REBECCA sold several parcels of land in Middletown on 1 July 1803 to THOMAS SHEPHERD, relationship unknown, for $2,000.00.[14] MOSES died 16 Nov 1819 (6 March 1818 per Find-A-Greave) in Monmouth County, NJ and was buried in the *Fair View Cemetery/Stillwell Grave Yard* in Monmouth County, NJ. REBECCA died 2 November 1839 in Monmouth County, NJ and was buried in the same cemetery. Seven children:

i) THOMAS SHEPHERD: born August 1780 in Monmouth County, NJ.

ii) REBECCA SHEPHERD: born 1770 in Monmouth County, NJ; married THOMAS FIELDS of Monmouth County, NJ; 1 Child.

iii) ANN SHEPHERD: born in Monmouth County, NJ; married JAMES LEWIS.

iv) JOSEPH SHEPHERD: born in Monmouth County, NJ; married ANN (NANCY) STILLWELL. She was born in Monmouth County, NJ. JOSEPH died by drowning.

v) MOSES SHEPHERD: born in Monmouth County, NJ; married MARY LAYTON in NJ. MOSES died before 30 April 1823 in Monmouth County, NJ. 4 children

vi) ELISHA SHEPHERD: born in Monmouth County, NJ, and died in infancy.

vii) RICHARD SHEPHERD: born in Monmouth County, NJ, and died in infancy.

3) EBENEZER SHEPHERD: married CATHERINE WINTER in NJ before 1759. EBENEZER died before 14 November 1759 in Monmouth County, NJ. 2 children

A) THOMAS SHEPHERD: born before 1759 in NJ.

B) SARAH SHEPHERD: born before 1759 in NJ.

4) **JOHN SHEPHERD**: born 1714 in Monmouth County, NJ; married **MARTHA TAYLOR**, his second-cousin-once-removed, in Monmouth County, NJ on 13 December 1742. Their story is continued in a separate section.

5) REBECCA SHEPHERD: born in Monmouth County, NJ and married THOMAS COX (born circa 1714), son of JOSEPH COX and CATHERINE SHEPHERD. CATHERINE is incorrectly identified as a daughter of THOMAS SHEPHERD and DEBORAH GROVER in The Cox Family in America

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referenced below; if this were true then CATHERINE'S sister REBECCA married CATHERINE'S son JOSEPH with CATHERINE ending up as both the sister of and the mother-in-law of REBECCA. There is no evidence that THOMAS and DEBORAH had a daughter named CATHERINE. In the 1751 Will of her father, REBECCA is named as REBECCA *COSCOE*. Seven children including:

A) THOMAS COX
B) JOSEPH COX
C) CATHERINE COX
D) JOHN COX
E) DEBORAH COX:[15] born 12 January 1747 allegedly as the 7th child; member of the Upper Freehold Baptist Church. When she married THOMAS MCCURTAIN on 21 January 1771 she converted to Roman Catholicism. THOMAS was a schoolmaster, first at Mount Holly and later in Philadelphia. They both died during the small pox epidemic of 1793 – THOMAS on 23 September and DEBORAH on 13 October.
   i) MARIANNE MCCURTAIN
   ii) JOHN ALEXANDER MCCURTAIN
   iii) ANNE MCCURTAIN: born 1781; died 1783.

6) DEBORAH SHEPHERD: born 29 April 1719 in Monmouth County, NJ; obtained a license to marry EDWARD BURROWES on 2 April 1750 in Trenton, Mercer County, NJ. EDWARD was born 21 December 1720 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ. DEBORAH died 21 April 1782 in Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ and EDWARD died 31 August 1785 in the same place. DEBORAH and EDWARD were buried in the *Presbyterian Church Yard* in Middletown. They had 4 children, all born in Middletown.
   A) EDEN BURROWES: born 13 July 1752; died 10 June 1777.
   B) DEBORAH BURROWES: born 11 June 1756; married SAMUEL CARMEN (born 1757). SAMUEL died 13 November 1836 and DEBORAH on 22 February 1838 in NJ.
   C) THOMAS BURROWES: born 1 August 1758; married ESTHER CRAWFORD. THOMAS died in 1805 and ESTHER in 1848; interred *Fair View Cemetery*, Middletown.
   D) RACHEL BURROWES: born 4 March 1762; married MAJOR JOHN STILLWELL (born 18 September 1762). RACHEL died 2 March 1825; interred *Fair View Cemetery* in Middletown. JOHN married second, as her third husband, MARY OGBORNE STILLWELL (born 3 October 1766), in 1826. JOHN died 16 August 1828 in NJ and was interred in *Fair View Cemetery*.

7) THOMAS SHEPHERD III: born about 1723 in Monmouth County, NJ. He married SARAH DENNIS, daughter of JACOB DENNIS and CLEMENCE WOODWARD, 13 September 1747 in NJ. She was born 18 April 1723 in NJ, and is the granddaughter of ANTHONY and HANNAH WOODWARD. She died 14 March 1813. He appears in the 1761 Middletown tax lists. Six known children were most likely all born in Monmouth County, NJ.[16]
   A) ELISHA SHEPHERD SENIOR: born 16 July 1750 in Millstone; married ALLETTA SMOCK (born 16 March 1753, daughter of COLONEL JOHN SMOCK and ELIZABETH COVENHOVEN). Like his cousin CAPTAIN MOSES SHEPHERD, he was one of the *Associators of Retaliation* who would exact damages from any known Tory, refugee or *Pines Robber*.[17] After the War he lived near Bound Brook, Somerset County before

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moving to Ohio. Was in the military where he achieved the rank of Sergeant. ELISHA died in 1834 in Lockland, Hamilton County, OH. 12 children, born in Monmouth County, NJ:

i) THOMAS SHEPHERD: born 12 October 1770; baptized 30 December 1770 at Christ Church in Shrewsbury. He married 20 October 1790 NELLIE SCHENK (daughter of CORNELIUS JANSE SCHENCK and MARGARET TAYLOR) in the First Dutch Church in Freehold Township, Monmouth County, NJ. Oddly, that church's registers reflect a second marriage between persons with the same names occurring on 19 January 1795.[18] They had six children. NELLIE died before 1826. THOMAS married a 2nd time, according to DAVID CONOVER, and had a daughter in 1826. He moved to Ohio but it is not known if the move occurred during his first marriage or later on. THOMAS died in Hamilton County, OH.

ii) JOHN SHEPHERD: born 21 March 1773. Married ANNE COVENHOVEN-SCHENK in NJ.

iii) SARAH SHEPHERD: born 1 May 1775; married in NJ on 26 October 1793 to PETER VOORHEES (born 15 September 1775, Monmouth County) in NJ. (DAVID CONOVER names him as PETER VOORHEES SCHENCK, son of KOERT GERRETSE SCHENCK and SAERTJE VOORHEES which is supported by the records of the Freehold Dutch Church). SARAH died 1 December 1807 and PETER died in Freehold, Monmouth County, NJ on 3 July 1857.

iv) ELISHA SHEPHERD JUNIOR: born 1 June 1776; married NELLIE VANKIRK 24 December 1796 in Monmouth County, NJ. She was born 1776. ELISHA died 1823. One known child.

v) ELIZABETH SHEPHERD: born 28 April 1778; she married 27 December 1796 to ALBERT COVENHOVEN (born 6 March 1775, son of PETER COVENHOVEN and ELEANOR POLHEMUS) probably in the Middletown Dutch Reformed Church which may have been called Freehold initially, Monmouth County, NJ. May have moved to Schoharie County, west of Albany, NY. ALBERT died 19 July 1855 in New York City, NY. ELIZABETH died 23 March 1871.

vi) ALLETTA "LETTIE" SHEPHERD: born 1 December 1779. Married DAVID GEORGE, NJ.

vii) HENRY SHEPHERD: born 9 July 1781 He married ELIZABETH in NJ.

viii) JACOB SHEPHERD: born 20 April 1783.

ix) AMELIA SHEPHERD: born 6 March 1785; married THOMAS CHRISTOPHER in NJ.

x) ELEANOR SHEPHERD: born 20 July 1787; married FRANCIS GUSTIN in NJ. She subsequently married a "MR. CHRISTOPHER."

xi) GEORGE SHEPHERD: born 20 February 1789.

xii) CLEMENTINA SHEPHERD: born 12 September 1791.

B) AMELIA SHEPHERD: born 14 February 1753 in NJ. She had a child with SHORE STEVENSON but it is not certain if they ever married:

i) BENONI STEVENSON. She married WILLIAM LIPPINCOTT 28 July 1776 in NJ. He was born 24 June 1747 and died 18 July 1803 in Monmouth County, NJ. Two known children:

a) WILLIAM LLOYD LIPPINCOTT: born ca 1786, NJ. He married HANNAH ANN BOYCE.

b) AMELIA LIPPINCOTT was born in NJ.

C) CLEMENCE SHEPHERD: born 7 February 1755 in Monmouth County, NJ; married THOMAS LLOYD15 February 1770 in Christ Church in Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, NJ. His name is often spelled "CLAMENCE." He was born about 1742 and died 7 March 1812 in

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Monmouth County, NJ. He was buried that same month in *Christ Church Cemetery* in Shrewsbury. CLEMENCE died 10 May 1819 in Monmouth County, NJ; buried with husband. Eight children, all born and died in Monmouth County and buried in *Christ Church Cemetery*:

i) THOMAS LLOYD JUNIOR: born about 1770 and died 19 January 1804.
ii) CLEMENTINA LLOYD: born about 1775 and died 1 September 1776.
iii) CLEMENTINA LLOYD: born about 1777 and died 26 September 1794.
iv) JOHN LLOYD: born about 1781 and died 6 February 1861.
v) SARAH LLOYD: born about 1782 died 14 December 1862.
vi) ELISHA S. (SHEPHERD?) LLOYD: born about 1784 and died 18 October 1830.
vii) CLEMENCE LLOYD: born about 1796 and died 23 December 1797.
viii) ELIZABETH LLOYD: born about 1798 and died 18 November 1821.

D) JACOB SHEPHERD: born 14 August 1756 in Monmouth County, NJ.
E) THOMAS SHEPHERD: born 19 September 1758 in NJ.
F) SARAH SHEPHERD: born 9 May 1765 in NJ.

8) HANNAH SHEPHERD: of East New Jersey and ISAAC STEELE of the Province of New Jersey had a marriage license issued on 10 October 1747.

9) MARY SHEPHERD: married "MR. JOHNSTON."

A TERRITORIAL ARKANSAS PIONEER: JOSEPH STILLWELL *by* Robert W. Dhonau, Little Rock, Arkansas

JOSEPH STILLWELL came from far away New Jersey and made two other stops before coming to the frontier country in Arkansas about 1798. It was truly in frontier country then because it was part of the Louisiana Purchase obtained from France in 1803. All travel was by steamboat or horseback and communication was very slow. A census of 1798 showed only 368 people in Arkansas.

The fourth generation of his family in America, he was born March 3, 1752 in Monmouth County, New Jersey, at Middletown. His parents were SARAH SHEPHERD and JOSEPH STILLWELL, whose forefathers came from Surrey County, England, to Virginia about 1638. JOSEPH STILLWELL saw action in the Revolutionary War as a private in the First Regiment of the Monmouth County Militia of New Jersey. Reports show that he was taken prisoner by the British on February 13, 1777, near the Lighthouse on the Highlands. From later service he was discharged as an Ensign on May 1, 1784.

Prior to this time, JOSEPH married SARAH WINTERS and their first child, HAROLD, was born on May 3, 1783. He then took his young family to Kentucky to join relatives, ELISHA WINTERS and his sons, WILLIAM and GABRIEL. Together they went to New Orleans and began the manufacture of cotton rope. With their free handed, open hearted ways, they soon gained the friendship of the people in power.

An enormous grant of land was made June 22, 1797, by the BARON DE CARONDOLET, who was the Spanish governor of the Territory of Louisiana, to the three WINTERS men, JOSEPH STILLWELL and six other men. The total of this land grant was said to be one million arpens of land (old French measure - about an acre) on the north side of the Arkansas River from Argenta to Arkansas Post. The portions of land granted to JOSEPH STILLWELL was fifteen arpens along the river and forty arpens in depth. It was known as Spanish Land Grant No. 2399. The purpose of the grant was "to form a settlement in the Post of Arkansas for the cultivation of flax, wheat and hemp".

In1798, the WINTERS and JOSEPH STILLWELL families arrived at the village of Arkansas Post and began a survey of their lands. STILLWELL selected land about four miles up the river from Arkansas Post and built

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a cabin. Improvements were gradually made by erecting permanent buildings, cultivating the land, and sheep and other livestock were brought to raise. He perfected his title by settlement and occupancy and afterwards received a patent under the homestead laws of the United States.

The WINTERS family selected their lands about two and a half miles northwest of the Post on the east side of Grand Prairie. They also made extensive improvements and even brought a hewn stone barn from Lexington, Kentucky, to make their boundaries. There was no such stone around the area. As later history, the WINTERS claim for this grant land was in the courts for over forty years, but was never perfected, and they eventually lost their lands.

Records show that JOSEPH STILLWELL was prominent in affairs of the Territory as it grew and developed. On June 27, 1806, the legislature of the Louisiana Territory passed an act creating the District of Arkansas. The northern boundary was set at "a line beginning on the Mississippi River opposite the second Chicksaw Bluff, (about where Memphis is now located) and continuing west indefinitely" and the southern boundary "the 33rd parallel" the present Louisiana-Arkansas line. What is now northern Arkansas was included in the New Madrid District with most of Missouri.

In 1808, GOVERNOR LEWIS of the Territory of Louisiana, selected officials for the new District of Arkansas. JOSEPH STILLWELL *(served 1808-1811 & 1814),* FRANCIS VAUGINE *(appointed 1809)* and BENJAMIN FOY were appointed *Judges of the Court of Common Pleas (The Criminal Court of Quarter Sessions was presided over by the same judges and were held at the same time)*. HAROLD STILLWELL, eldest son of JOSEPH, was appointed *Sheriff of the District* which included what is now about the southern two thirds of the state. It was not until 1813 that the County of Arkansas was formed, and in 1818 the northeastern corner of the present state was taken from the New Madrid District and became Lawrence County of the Arkansas District. JOSEPH STILLWELL was made *Auditor of the Accounts* in 1810 and held the position until 1815. He had to travel in all parts and he was said to have learned every road and Indian trail.

PRESIDENT JAMES MONROE approved the act creating the Territory of Arkansas as passed by Congress in 1819. Arkansas Post was made the seat of government. Two judicial districts were formed, the first being composed of Arkansas and Lawrence Counties and the second being Clark, Pulaski and Hempstead Counties which were newly formed. JAMES MILLER of New Hampshire was appointed the first Territorial Governor.

In 1820 JOSEPH STILLWELL was again appointed a *Judge of the Court* at Arkansas Post. He could speak several languages including French, Spanish and the Quapaw dialect. When Arkansas County REPRESENTATIVE W.C. ALLEN, to the First Territorial Legislature, was killed in a duel with REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT C. ODEN in March 1820, JOSEPH sought the vacant seat. His announcement of candidacy was published April 29, 1820 in the *Arkansas Gazette* in both English and French for the benefit of the old settlers who knew only French. The French version was labeled "communicated" to show it was not written by the editor. This paragraph is the only one in the history of the *Gazette* to appear in French. In the election STILLWELL defeated RICHMOND PEELER by the vote of 94 to 82. While he was in the legislature, Independence County was created and the Capitol was moved to Little Rock in 1821.

JOSEPH STILLWELL died at his home on September 10, 1822. He was buried on his homestead and in 1971 a grave marking ceremony was held under auspices of the Stuttgart Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and Grand Prairie Historical Society. Since there were no schools in the territory during his lifetime, JOSEPH STILLWELL taught his own children. HAROLD STILLWELL, following in the footsteps of his father, after serving as the first *Sheriff of the County* he was their *Representative* in the 7th and 8th Territorial Legislature, 1829 to 1833. He married LOICEY BASSETT in 1811, who died in 1815, and CHARLOTTE BASSETT in 1819, both were daughters of WILLIAM BASSETT, a large landowner who came to the Post from Georgia.[19]

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His was not a wealthy family, however, they appeared to be in good circumstances. In the earliest Land Assessment Lists of 1818 he was shown to own 1,156 acres of confirmed land. In 1821 he was shown with plotted lots at Arkansas Post valued at $1,150, one house at $200 and two slaves each at $75. It has been reported that when JOSEPH last wrote home to New Jersey he stated he owned nineteen hundred head of cattle.

JOSEPH STILLWELL died at his home on September 10, 1822, and was buried on the homestead. The location of his grave is now in the *Stillwell family Cemetery* and near the *Boggans Cemetery* on the farm of SIMON FUHRMAN in a wooded area southwest of Gillett, Arkansas. A gravemarking ceremony was held in 1972 under the auspices of the Stuttgart chapter of the Daughters of the American revolution and the Grand Prairie Historical Society. He did not leave a will and this fact is stated in the will of his daughter CLEMENTINA STILLWELL, which is included later.

On February 26 1823; ELI J. LEWIS, husband of POLLY STILLWELL, was appointed Administrator of the estate of JOSEPH accord (Probate) Book AA. In May 1825 final estate settlement was made. Total value of personal property only was $12,655.47. One-third of $4,218.49 went his widow SARAH STILLWELL; 11 shares of the remainder, at $255.67 each to his children, HAROLD, JOHN, WILLIAM, ELISHA, JOSEPH III, ASHER COOK, CLEMETINA, NANCY and ALEXANDER S. WALKER for his wife, EMILIA, and two shares to ELI J. LEWIS on his wives, SARAH and POLLY STILLWELL.

SARAH WINTER STILLWELL, widow of JOSEPH II made her last will on May 11 1829, appointing her sons HAROLD and ELISHA as executors of her estate. She died September 3, 1834. Following is a copy of her will as shown in Arkansas County Deed Book E, pages 254-256. It is believed that the ELISHA WINTER who came to Arkansas with his sons, WILLIAM and GABRIEL, and JOSEPH STILLWELL II, was the father of SARAH WINTER. He died April 30, 1812 in Concordia County, Mississippi, on his plantation near Natchez.

Will of MRS. JOSEPH STILLWELL, II (SARAH WINTER)

> " In the name of God Amen, I, SARAH STILLWELL of the County of Arkansas and Territory of Arkansas, being weak in body, but sound of mind, do make and publish this my last will and testament, *viz.*
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> On my decease, I request that after the payment of funeral expenses and my just debs, the residue of my estate property or effects be distributed as follows - *to wit-*
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> *First* - In consideration of the love and affection I bear to my children, HAROLD STILLWELL, JOHN STILLWELL, CLEMENTINA STILLWELL, NANCY COOK and EMILIA WALKER, and to my grandchildren, MARIA LEWIS, SARAH LEWIS and MARY LEWIS, I give and bequeath to each of them ten dollars, *viz.*, to HAROLD STILLWELL ten dollars, to JOHN STILLWELL ten dollars, to CLEMENTINA STILLWELL ten dollars, to NANCY COOK ten dollars, to EMELIA WALKER ten dollars, to MARIA LEWIS ten dollars, To SARAH LEWIS ten dollars and to MARY LEWIS ten dollars, as token of remembrance regretting at the same time that from the small amount of property or effects I own, and a conscientious duty I owe to my other beloved children, *viz.* - ELISHA STILLWELL, JOSEPH STILLWELL and ASHER STILLWELL who have remained with me in my old and declining age and by their attention and dutiful conduct, alleviated my sufferings, I cannot leave them more.
>
> *Second* - In consideration of the love and affection I bear my son ELISHA STILLWELL and for his attention to me in my old age, I give and bequeath unto him my two Negro women slaves ALICE and JIMMA.

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Third - In consideration of the love and affection I bear my son ASHER STILLWELL and for his attention to me in my old age I give and bequeath unto him my negro boy, a slave named SIMON.

Fourthly - In consideration of the love and affection I bear my son JOSEPH STILLWELL and for his attention to me in my old age I give and bequeath unto him an equal share of my estate property or effects remaining after the payment of funeral expenses my just debts and the legacies specified in my first bequest; and to effect which it is my request and will that the negro slaves ALICE, JIMMA and SIMON given to my sons ELISHA and ASHER in the 2nd and 3rd bequest of this my last will shall be appraised their value taken in "Hotchpot" with the appraised value of the residue of my estate or effects after deducting the payments aforesaid, and the whole divided into three equal parts or shares, and my three sons ELISHA, JOSEPH and ASHER shall be entitled each to one of said shares as their proportions o my whole estate (remaining after the payments aforesaid being made) and shall account to each other at the appraised value for any over-plus that may be in either of their hands on the distribution of the residue of my estate or effects. It being my desire to have each of my three sons ELISHA, JOSEPH and ASHER an equal share of estate or effects, after deduction funeral expenses just debts and the specific legacies as aforesaid in my first bequest - and it is further my request should any difficulty arise between said three sons in apportioning their respective shares that the same should be settled amicably and in such case it is desire that they call on TERRENCE FARRELLY as umpire.

Fifth - And I do hereby appoint HAROLD STILLWELL and ELISHA STILLWELL executors to see to the execution of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

SARAH STILLWELL (signature)

Declared to be her hand and seal this 11th day of May
A. D. 1829 last will and testament in presence of us.

T. FARRELLY, DANIEL KEPLER, LEWIS KEPLER (signatures)

Will proven by T. FARRELL and LEWIS KEPLER in Arkansas County on 3rd November 1834

Following the death of SARAH STILLWELL the land left in the estate was noted in a legal action of 1835 in Arkansas County Deed Book "E" page 254. In this document, four of the STILLWELL Heirs, namely CLEMETINA, ELISHA and his wife ELIZABETH, JOSEPH III, and his wife SINA, and ASHER COOK and his wife ELIZABETH, sold their shares in 320 arpens of land to their older brother HAROLD STILLWELL, for the sum of $200. To understand further the reason for including the above names it should be mentioned that, by this date, WILLIAM, JOHN, SARAH, POLLY and NANCY STILLWELL all had already died.

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Endnotes

[1] The information contained herein is based on research performed by other genealogists and posted on the internet. None of the presented information has been verified by this author unless stated or referenced. Land transactions citations are from New Jersey Department of State Non-Governmental Records – East and West Jersey Proprietors database: http://www.nj.gov/state/archives/catpproprie.html

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